

# HYDE PARK HARRIERS

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Minutes of a meeting of the committee (the **Committee**) of Hyde Park Harriers (the **Club**) duly held and convened via teleconference at 6pm on Sunday 21 January 2024.

Present:	Amy Ramsden-Young	(AR-Y – Chair)
	Clare Evans	(CE – Membership Secretary)
	Curtis Ledger	(CL – Committee Member)
	Jonathan Spain	(JS – Committee Member)
	Katherine Kirkham	(KK – Club Treasurer)
	Laura Garratt	(LG – Committee Member)
	Richard Garratt	(RG – Committee Member)
	Toby Adkins	(TA – Club Secretary)
	Xeni Perry	(XP – Committee Member)
Apologies:	Danny Clayton	(DC – Committee Member)
	Grace Roberts	(GR – Committee Member)

## **1 Notice and Quorum**

It was noted that the meeting had been duly convened and that a quorum was present for the purposes of the Club's constitution.

## **2 Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee on 10 December 2023 were approved as circulated and will be uploaded to the Club's website.

## **3 Membership Update**

CE reported that the Club currently had 282 members.

## **4 Finance Update**

KK reported that:

- 4.1 the Club's bank account mandate could now be updated and it was agreed that:

- 4.1.1 each of Clare Mason, Kay Jefferies, Rebecca Gray and Richard Edwards would be removed as signatories of the Club's bank account; and
- 4.1.2 each of Katherine Kirkham, Clare Evans, Tobias Adkins and Amy Ramsden-Young would be added as signatories of the Club's bank account and each of such additional signatories confirmed that their personal details for the purposes of the mandate were correct as per the Club's membership records (and that no such signatory had changed residential address within the last three years);
- 4.2 the Club's Christmas party had resulted in a profit of c.£100 (subject to recovery of the deposit paid to the venue);
- 4.3 the Club had purchased new stock of branded bobble hats which were now stored in the Club locker and could be bought by members for £24 each;
- 4.4 as it was now January, any new members would received the extended membership deal; and
- 4.5 it was noted by AR-Y that, in relation to the Club's CiRF vouchers, one had been extended by one year but, in relation to the remaining three, the proposed date had sold out and England Athletics had advised that deferring to a later date would incur an administration fee of £30 per deferral – such cost may need to be covered by the Club.

## **5 Social Events**

- 5.1 The Committee noted its thanks to the social committee and all relevant members for their efforts in organising an excellent Christmas party.
- 5.2 GR will update the Committee regarding the proposed board games social event at the next meeting.
- 5.3 AR-Y is organising the social event at Hyde Park Book Club on Wednesday 31 January, to coincide with a headtorch trail run.
- 5.4 TA advised he was considering options for a Club social and noted that the Leeds Industrial Museum may be a good venue for a film viewing.
- 5.5 The Committee noted that, moving forward, the regular monthly socials would take place at Northern Market and potentially the new Victoria and Commercial pub being renovated by Kirkstall Brewery.

## **6 Club Awards Evening**

- 6.1 The date of the Club's Awards Evening had been confirmed and a venue was to be decided – it was noted that Terminus had been a good venue for the event in 2023.
- 6.2 TA noted that he would put together the Alternative Awards with RG and DC.

## **7 Annual General Meeting**

- 7.1 AR-Y noted that she had confirmed the New Headingley Club as the venue for the Club's Annual General Meeting (**AGM**).
- 7.2 AR-Y will discuss with TA regarding AGM preparations.

## **8 Volunteering**

CL reported that:

- 8.1 he was still seeking confirmation of the volunteering numbers with EvenSplits/RaceBest and the associated rebate on the Summer Mile costs;
- 8.2 the following events would involve volunteers from the Club and would be flagged to the Club's members as appropriate in the coming months:
  - 8.2.1 the Leeds Marathon on Sunday 12 May 2024 (in respect of in the morning bag drop shift);
  - 8.2.2 the Summer Mile, which was now confirmed for Wednesday 26 June 2024; and
  - 8.2.3 the Vale of York races on Sunday 08 September 2024; and
- 8.3 the Club would offer a volunteering takeover at Woodhouse Moor parkrun, which was likely to take place shortly after entries open for the Summer Mile to encourage participation.

## **9 Club Competitions/Championships**

- 9.1 AR-Y presented proposed races for the 2024/2025 championships, which had been suggested by Committee and Club members, as set out in the document "HPH race calendar – updated for 2024/2025" in the Committee's Google Drive.
- 9.2 The various races were discussed and the relevant choices were confirmed in the document and will be reported to the wider Club in due course.
- 9.3 There was discussion of whether it would be worth gathering feedback from the Club's members regarding the type and nature of competitions offered by the Club. In particular, it was noted that the Club Competitor might be better addressed as an award similar to the Chair's and President's awards.

## **10 Club Standards**

TA reported that he intended to review the Club's constitution and any necessary amendments as part of preparation for the AGM.

## **11 Sessions**

- 11.1 The Committee discussed the new group structure which had been trialled during January and it was agreed that, overall, the structure was working well and feedback had been positive and therefore the new structure would be continued.
- 11.2 A number of website and Facebook assets and links would need to be updated to reflect the details of the new structure – AR-Y will update Facebook and JS will update the website.
- 11.3 It was agreed that the progression sessions on the first Tuesday of each month would be continued, but rather than changing the pace, leaders would simply be encouraged to provide a shorter run (45 minutes, rather than the full hour) to allow time for a social.
- 11.4 The Committee discussed how leaders should deal with oversubscribed groups and it was

agreed that, in general, leaders should be allowed to resolve the issue as they choose (subject to the solution being safe and sensible). JS will prepare a suggested protocol to share with leaders to use as a starting point.

- 11.5 A group leaders evening will be organised within the next couple of months – TA will liaise with GR to arrange this.

## **12 Welfare**

- 12.1 CL advised that there was nothing to report from the Club's welfare email account.
- 12.2 AR-Y reported that a Club member had noted that he was epileptic and therefore may need additional assistance on Club runs. AR-Y had asked that he confirm what he needed so that the Club could accommodate as appropriate.

## **13 Any Other Business**

- 13.1 TA noted that the Club's Facebook pinned posts had been affected by a known Facebook group which has removed the functioning hyperlinks – TA will update the relevant posts.
- 13.2 AR-Y noted that the organisers of the Calderdale Way relay had contacted the Club to advise the event was now open – AR-Y will post on the Club's Facebook page to gauge interest and ask for volunteers to organise the relay team(s) and logistics.
- 13.3 JS asked that two points be added to the agenda for the next meeting:
  - 13.3.1 the meeting time for the Club's Thursday track sessions; and
  - 13.3.2 the Spond clearing-out process, which was becoming very difficult due to the numbers of active Club session participants.

## **14 Future Meetings**

TA proposed that the next meeting of the Committee be held remotely at 6pm on Sunday 18 February 2024, which will be confirmed in due course.

## **15 Close of Meeting**

- 15.1 There being no further business, the meeting was closed.
- 15.2 TA will circulate a draft of the minutes and action points as soon as practicable following the meeting.